

The British Ambassador
to South Africa,
CAPE TOWN.

Your Excellency,

We the representatives of the Hellenic Communities of the Republic of South Africa, have been directed by approximately 75 000 South African Greeks to make known to Her Majesty's Government:

That we and our people are shocked that Her Majesty's Government has allowed Turkish troops to occupy Cyprus despite the fact that it is party to the Zurich and London agreements guaranteeing the independence, integrity and security of Cyprus.

That we are all appalled that these troops have been allowed to ravage this fair island by bombing it, shooting at and killing indiscriminately members of a defenceless population whilst British troops have stood by watching it.

We cannot believe that Her Britannic Majesty's Government can stand by whilst one after the other cease-fire agreements are violated, whilst unanimous resolutions of the Security Council calling for withdrawal are ignored, and whilst attempts are made to divide the island so that a minority with the oppressive support of an occupying force may rule a majority even in the areas seized.

That in view of the excellent relationship between the British and Greek people since the beginning of the 19th Century and the bonds of friendship created during the two World Wars when our people fought side by side against tremendous odds, we cannot believe that your Government will continue its present policy.

That with the people of Greece the vast majority of the people of Cyprus and the millions of people of Hellenic origin throughout the world, we will not rest until every Turkish soldier has left Cyprus.

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That we believe that in common with freedom loving people throughout the world the people of the United Kingdom will not allow Her Majesty's Government to continue this policy of indifference (if not encouragement) to one whose aggressive aims have become plain and that the people of Britain will help us all to put an end to the sufferings of the people in Cyprus.

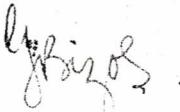
Please convey this to Her Majesty's Government on our behalf.


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